



News Release

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Hospital GEM Awards Open for Nominations

Dorset County Hospital's annual staff awards - The Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Awards - are now open for nominations.

The GEM Awards scheme recognises outstanding members of staff, volunteers and teams that have exceeded what is expected of them in terms of performance, effort and attitude.

Nominations can be made by members of staff, volunteers, patients, their families and friends, members of the public and employees of organisations with whom the Trust works in partnership.

Any member of staff, volunteer, student or apprentice can be nominated, wherever they work in the hospital. This year there are nine categories:

- Chairman's Award
- Innovation Award
- Leadership Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Patient Choice Award
- Patient Safety Award
- Student/Apprentice of the Year Award
- Team of the Year Award
- Volunteer Award

The awards will be presented at an evening ceremony in June, which will also include a celebration of those staff eligible to receive their 25 year NHS Long Service Award.

Nominations can be made by submitting an online nomination form:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GEMnominations2018>

Forms can also be requested from Kelly Upton on 01305 254622 or kelly.upton@dchft.nhs.uk. The deadline for nominations is 5pm, 12 April 2018.

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PHOTO: Winners at last year's GEM Awards ceremony held at Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy.

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